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St. Louis, Nov. 6.—Unless the weather conditions interfere, the greatest demonstration of airships in the history of the world will take place in the World's Fair to-morrow. Housed in the aerodrome are five flying machines, embodying as many different principles, and varying in size from the monster airship invented and built by H. Franck, of Paris, with its immense gas bag containing 65,000 cubic

TRADE RETURNS.

London, Nov. 7.—The October statement of the board of trade shows an increase of \$8,798,000 in imports, and a decrease of \$2,067,500 in exports.

RIVAL ARMIES BUSY ENTRENCHING

JAP REINFORCEMENTS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE

Russian Officials Hold to Opinion That Big Battle May Be Delayed for Months.

(Associated Press)

Mukden, Nov. 6.—Quiet continues here. The Japanese are still working hard entrenching their front, which begins to look like a continuous fort. It is believed they are preparing seriously to advance, making their front as strong as possible in order that it may be held by a comparatively small force while the heavier force engages in flanking movements.

The Japanese have learned by bitter experience not to expect much from a frontal attack.

There is considerable evidence to indicate that the Japanese will make every effort to force the Russians out of Mukden, not only for the moral effect on Europe, but upon the Chinese as well. Mukden is extremely important to them in winter quarters.

The Japanese continue to receive reinforcements, and it is believed by Russian military men that their advancing depends only on the accumulation of sufficient men.

BOTH ARMIES BUSY STRENGTHENING POSITIONS.

Mukden, Nov. 7.—The Russian and Japanese armies, extending from Bentziaputze, east to the Liao river west, at places are almost within a stone's throw of each other.

At Bentziaputze not more than 400 yards separate their advance posts, and at Shinkinpu, on the Shakhe river, just west of the railway and 15 miles south of Mukden, the Japanese and Russians occupy the extreme ends of the same villages. At Hinghantsang the Russian centre has thrown advanced posts across the Shakhe river.

Both armies are still strengthening their positions all along the line. The slightest movement on either side is the signal for firing, which occasionally lasts all night.

The Russians are using six-inch guns on the railway, which must greatly harass the Japanese.

Undoubtedly the most decisive, if not the greatest battle, of the war will be fought in the vicinity of the Shakhe river.

The Russians are confident of their ability to hold their positions. The soldiers are building mud huts for winter quarters. The nights continue cold, but the days are bright.

FREQUENT BOMBARDMENTS OF JAPANESE LINES.

General Kuroki's Headquarters, Nov. 5, via Fusen, Nov. 6.—The positions of the two armies are unchanged.

The Russians continue in frequent and ineffective bombardments, principally at night or in the early morning with heavy guns, devoting their energies chiefly to the Japanese left, where the lines are nearer than elsewhere. The Japanese refrain from replying.

There is a sharp exchange, indicating firing somewhere on the lines almost every night.

The cold weather of the past week culminated to-day in a sharp wind and flurry of snow. The ground is frozen, and the soldiers build few fires for warmth lest they draw the Russian shots. They have remarkable and ingeniously well constructed shelters of corn stalks wherever they are unable to occupy Chinese houses. Fur overcoats are being used.

WHEN WILL RUSSIANS ASSUME OFFENSIVE?

St. Petersburg, Nov. 6.—The army general to-day publishes a long list of new commanders in the Far East, including the appointments of Generals Kuropatkin and Kavkazov to the first and third army respectively. Generals Kutepov and Salivannoff will command the twenty-second and thirty-seventh divisions of the first corps, whose chief, Gen. Meyendorff, is resigning on account of ill-health.

The sweeping character of these changes may imply that there is no intention on General Kuropatkin's part to assume the offensive during this year's campaign, unless an exceedingly favorable opportunity offers. Indeed it begins to look like a deadlock below Mukden for the winter, unless Port Arthur falls, or the Japanese abandon the idea of renewing the assault upon the fortress there and settle down to a regular siege, either of which would release enough troops to give the preponderance necessary to try to force the Russians out of Mukden.

In fact, the latest dispatches from the front indicate that some such movement is preparing, though the best opinion at the war office holds to the view that there is not likely to be another big battle this year, one of the indications pointing out being the departure of many of the military attachés for the winter.

Gen. Orlow, who Gen. Kuropatkin blames for the Russian reverse at Liao Yang, declares in an interview published in the Novoye Vremya, to-day, that he obeyed Gen. Stackelberg's orders in making the much-criticized attack in which his division was decimated, and he himself wounded. Gen. Kuropatkin ap-

parently is convinced that Orlow was not to blame, and the order detaching him has been revoked, and he has been appointed on Gen. Kuropatkin's staff.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND RUSSIANS IN KOREA.

New York, Nov. 7.—A dispatch to the Herald from Wonson, Korea, October 28th, via Chefoo, November 6th, says that 15,000 Russian troops are south of the Tumen river with 32 guns. Of these 6,000 of the main body are quartered at Kyungsung, 2,000 along the coast in town garrisons and 4,000 cavalry are thrown out westward in small bodies menacing the Japanese line of communication and railway construction between Ping Yang and Wiju by frequent cross-country raids. The remainder of 3,000 are operating by strong scouting detachments to the southward of Pecheng, south of Poowan.

The Russian cavalry by long detours frequently appear in the rear of the Japanese outposts, within a mile of the gates of Hamheung, immediately disappearing upon the Japanese infantry making a sortie from the city. Russians have recaptured Hambwan pass, a small force of Japanese having been sent to Yakushang upon the Russians' approach.

Thus the outposts of both the east coast armies await developments some 300 miles apart.

The Japanese are provisioning Hamheung, where 2,000 troops of their main body are now quartered. The Russians some days ago cut the telegraph near Sakho between Wonson and Hamheung. A thousand Japanese patrol the roads night and day with strong pickets at various points.

In the garrison at Wonson are an additional thousand men, giving a total of Japanese forces on the east coast well inside 5,000.

The correspondent was informed by an official at Wonson that the inequality in the size of the two armies will be lessened by reinforcements numbering 15,000, who have already left Japan.

Nevertheless the Japanese authorities display evident anxiety, which is augmented by the attitude of the Hamheung natives, who are distinctly unfavorable to the Japanese occupation, forming secret societies which promise speedy death to any Korean discovered assisting the Japanese, and thus making it very difficult to obtain the much needed interpreters, guides and coolies.

Statements from trustworthy sources at Wonson indicate the use of Wonson harbor as a naval base this winter, harbors north being ice-bound. This is foreshadowed by the arrival of transports loaded with naval stores and complete signalling apparatus.

Vладивосток IS STRONGLY PROTECTED.

Chefoo, Nov. 6.—As the result of months of preparation Vladivostok is now strongly protected, according to Capt. Halverson, of the Norwegian steamer Tunzus, which has arrived here five days out from that port, with seven hundred Chinese refugees who were unable to live there any longer owing to the high prices of food and other necessities.

Capt. Halverson says the Vladivostock system of fortification begins many miles outside the city proper and grows stronger as the city is approached. Ships laden with food, cannon, ammunition and all sorts of military supplies frequently arrive at Vladivostock, the captain says. The European residents of the city show their confidence in the security of the port by evidencing an unwillingness to leave it.

The harbor of Vladivostock, the captain says, has been mined for a distance of seven miles. In four miles of this area contact mines have been laid, while in the remaining three miles electric mines have been planted.

Mail trains arrive at and depart from Vladivostock every day, and there is now stored there an immense supply of coal taken from mines in the neighborhood of the city.

RUSSIAN OFFICER KILLED BY BANDITS.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 6.—Gen. Kuropatkin reports that Lieut.-Col. Bogdanoff, who was sent by Vice-Admiral Alexieff to explore Mongolia, accompanied by only two interpreters and a courier, was attacked by Chinese bandits on November 3rd near Duinbin mountain, on the Chinese Eastern railway, and that one of the interpreters was killed, the others of party were captured.

Cavalry sent in pursuit of the bandits found the corpses of Lieut.-Col. Bogdanoff, the second interpreter and the courier. Gen. Kuropatkin adds that punitive measures will be taken.

Gen. Kuropatkin also reports the repulse of a Japanese attack on his right flank on November 5th. Six Russians were killed.

No reports of fighting to-day have been received.

JAPS REPULSED BY RUSSIAN OUTPOSTS.

Mukden, Nov. 7.—The Japanese on Saturday night attacked some of the Russian outposts inconsiderable force, but the Russians had been warned and the Japanese were repulsed. They were not able to take away all their killed or wounded, leaving twenty-eight bodies on the field. The Russians lost only nine men.

NO NEWS FROM PORT ARTHUR TO-DAY.

Chefoo, Nov. 7.—No news regarding the operations at Port Arthur reached Chefoo to-day.

Major-General Mestchenko, commander aide-de-camp to the Russian Emperor for distinguished services.

WILL FIND A SEAT FOR MINISTER

HON. A. B. AYLESWORTH TO RUN IN QUEBEC

Rumor That Hon. C. Fitzpatrick Will Be the New Chairman of Rail-

way Commission.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier was this forenoon in his office in the eastern block. He is looking exceedingly well after his arduous campaign. The Premier left at noon to call upon His Excellency the Governor-General.

Asked if Hon. A. B. Aylesworth was to be provided with a seat, Sir Wilfrid replied that he could have any one of two in the province of Quebec. One of these was Gaspe, where he could be elected by acclamation, Sir Wilfrid did not say where the other one was, although there is no doubt it is Quebec East, or Wright, which he now holds.

If Hon. Mr. Aylesworth is elected by acclamation by the Conservatives, then the Liberals will not oppose R. L. Borden in any constituency that is opened for him. Mr. Borden is to get an Ontario constituency.

There will be a cabinet meeting on Wednesday, when all the ministers are expected to be present.

It is understood Sir Wilfrid Laurier will leave for the south, probably California, in the course of ten days, for a rest.

Full returns from Pontiac elects M. Brabazon, Conservative, by 80 of a majority.

Railway Commission.

A report is current to-day that Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick will be chairman of the railway commission in place of Hon. A. G. Blair. In that case Hon. Mr. Aylesworth would become minister of justice.

Wireless Telegraphy.

The Dominion government does not intend to charter any more wireless telegraphy companies. It has been hinted from Britain that it would be advisable for the government to keep these under control in times of war. The government has got a good control over the Marconi charter.

Practical Completed.

Washington, Nov. 7.—Unofficially, though from an official source, officers of the navy on duty at Washington have learned that the American navy will be invited to send a representative as a member of the Anglo-Russian Inquiry commission which will investigate the Dogger Bank affair. It can be stated that Admiral Dewey will be present, and his acceptance will be first agreed to by the officials. The Admiral has given no intimation as to his decision.

Practically Completed.

London, Nov. 7.—After to-day's cabinet meeting the foreign office said that the Anglo-Russian agreement on the subject of the inquiry into the North Sea incident was practically completed. The one or two unimportant details remaining to be settled, it was added, would occasion no difficulty.

QUEBEC TORIES ARE DEMORALIZED

WILL NOT CONTEST PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

Claim They Have Not Sufficient Time to Present Case Against Government Before Elections.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Nov. 7.—Chas. F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, when asked for a final estimate on the result of the election last night, said:

"Every indication points to a great Democratic success. I refrain from disclosing the figures which warrant this statement, because I do not wish to risk the chance of illegal methods in certain up-state sections defeating the will of the people."

"In previous years I have given accurate estimates of the city vote, only to find that the Odell managers provided by fraud election returns to overcome the city majority. Prudence dictates now that the Republican management should not know in advance the majority which New York city will give for the Democratic ticket."

With fair weather promised for tomorrow from New York to Buffalo, an extremely large vote is looked for in this city and state. Both sides continued to express the utmost confidence in the result.

Will Be Democratic.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 7.—The outlook for to-morrow is for a sweeping Democratic victory, with majorities ranging for both state and national tickets near 60,000. The general assembly will be overwhelmingly Democratic.

Expect Record Vote.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 7.—The Republicans adhere to their claim that Ohio will give Roosevelt the largest plurality in the state ever given a president.

Outlook in Nebraska.

Omaha, Neb. Nov. 7.—Republican State Chairman Burgess expects Nebraska to roll up for Roosevelt the largest plurality ever given.

ASPHALT WORKS DESTROYED.

The Loss is Estimated at Twenty Thousand Dollars.

(Associated Press.)

Winnipeg, Nov. 6.—The asphalt plant, owned by the city of Winnipeg, was burned early this morning. The building was a light frame structure, but the machinery was the latest, and the loss will be over \$20,000. All work on asphalt street pavements will be stopped for the year.

Ordinary Expenditure.

Repairs and maintenance \$ 169 84

Salaries 850 00

Miscellaneous 927 34

Prizes 5,344 61

Printing and advertising 1,318 10

Gates and tickets 208 70

Halls and buildings 1,079 71

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BATTERING DOWN RUSSIAN DEFENCES

JAPANESE CONTINUE ASSAULT ON FORTRESS

Number of Vessels Sunk in Port Arthur Harbor—Forts Taken After Hard Fighting.

Tokio, Nov. 5.—There was published to-night a series of reports of the besieging forces at Port Arthur covering the operations from October 30th to November 3rd inclusive. These reports show that the Japanese continue to vigorously press the attack, and that they are using heavy artillery to batter down the Russian defences, following the artillery fire with valorous infantry rushes.

The five days' fighting covered in the reports gave the Japanese a number of distinct gains, materially shortening the defensive power of the garrison.

On October 30th after a heavy bombardment, the Japanese advanced against Sungchow and Rihlung mountains, and against the north fort of the east group on Keekwan mountain, and by sundown took possession of their counterparts. The "P" fort also was taken after a hard fight, but was abandoned at 1:35 p.m., after repeated assaults by the Russians. General Ychinoh led an attack half an hour later and the position was retaken, and another fort northwest of the east Keekwan mountain group also was taken.

On the following day another assault was made on the north fort of the eastern group on Keekwan mountain, and the eastern counterpart was taken. The harbor and dockyard were bombarded on the same day. The Russian gunboat Gilik was hit several times and two others were sunk. That evening the Japanese repulsed a determined Russian assault.

THREE STEAMERS SUNK BY JAPANESE GUNS.

Tokio, Nov. 5.—2 p.m.—Advice forwarded from Port Arthur between November 2nd and November 4th say that two steamers of about 3,500 tons each, anchored in the west harbor, were sunk by Japanese heavy guns on November 1st, and that the following day a steamer of 3,000 tons was also sunk.

A Russian recently came in and surrendered at a place near Shuisan.

Two great explosions were heard on the night of November 3rd.

Japanese occupied a fort since called Ichinob owing to the fact that it had been bravely captured by that general. Three field guns, two machine guns, three torpedoes and many other trophies were captured. The Russians left 40 dead.

A vigorous bombardment with naval guns was delivered at noon November 3rd against the east harbor dockyard and other points, as a result of which a fierce conflagration occurred near the east harbor.

The same day fire of large calibre guns was directed against "H" fort, a height of 200 yards, and the northwest tower. Heavy damage was caused by bombardment on both fort and tower. A Russian field gun placed at a point east of Keekwan mountain was struck by a Japanese shell and destroyed.

NIGHT ATTACKS BY RUSSIANS AND JAPS.

Mukden, Nov. 5, via Pekin Nov. 5.—The Russian and Japanese armies are now so close together that manoeuvring is almost impossible.

The Japanese are confining themselves to occasional night attacks, during which they shell villages occupied by Russians. In these attacks they wounded several Russian officers. In return parties of Russians have penetrated Japanese villages at night causing temporary panics. On one occasion Russians succeeded in throwing two bombs into Japanese officers' quarters.

It had been reported here that the Japanese would attack Port Arthur November 3rd, the Japanese Emperor's birthday, and it is believed that Field Marshal Oyama is awaiting news of the re-

MINISTER DENIES SENSATIONAL STORY

Japanese Representative Disposes of St. Petersburg Yarn—London Times on the Inquiry.

London, Nov. 5.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, asked by a representative of the Associated Press for a statement regarding a report current at St. Petersburg that the Japanese minister at The Hague has organized an attack on the Russian squadron, emphatically denied that any action had been taken at The Hague. He said:

"In the different explanations, the Russians alternately credit us with supernatural cleverness and foolishness. If people would only stop to think they would see that it would be almost suicidal for us to risk the friendship of any power by an attempt to destroy the Russian squadron from a neutral port when it is to our utmost advantage that the squadron should arrive in our waters under its present admiral."

Cling to Story.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 6.—11 a.m.—The Associated Press has not obtained official confirmation of the sensational report that an unscripted dispatch from the Japanese minister at The Hague would be produced in the court of inquiry into the recent North Sea incident to prove the existence of a plot to destroy the Russian Baltic sea fleet. There is, however, said to be good ground for believing the report to be true.

It develops that Emperor Nicholas during an audience with British Ambassador Harding last Saturday declared positively that there were Japanese torpedo boats in the North sea. Apparently Denmark was impressed with the same belief.

Suppressing the Facts.

London, Nov. 5.—It begins to seem doubtful, says the Times, whether the world will ever know much about the North sea tragedy than it knows now. Everything London learns concerning the attitude of the Russians lends itself to the view that the Czar's government has determined, so far as it is able, to suppress the truth touching the terrible affair.

It is not believed there by those whose opinions are entitled to the greatest weight, that the Russian admiral is without full information of what took place off the Dogger Bank. On the contrary, it is believed that the Russian authorities are in possession of facts which might exist between Chairman Cortelyou and the trustee by reason of Mr. Cortelyou's former position as secretary of the department of commerce and labor, should have said "I will join Parker in an effort to protect the ballot of the honest citizens from being overridden by merchandise ballots."

The assertion was made by Judge Parker that the contributions he charged Chairman Cortelyou had received from the trusts are not denied by the President's statement. The Democratic candidate followed this declaration with a statement directed to the President personally, to the effect that he (Parker) had issued a request that no money for campaign purposes should be received, directly or indirectly, from any trust; that he would rather be defeated than to be fettered in any effort to accomplish reforms that are sorely needed. He charged the President with the refusal to co-operate in the checking of the "monstrous evil," Judge Parker closed that part of his address to the President with this sentence: "I regret to say to you that it then seems apparent to me, Mr. President, that you regard the election of more importance than the checking of this evil."

Judge Parker never had a more enthusiastic audience than that in Brooklyn to-night. He had not intended to make a speech to-night until the President issued his statement defending the administration from Judge Parker's charges.

No Reply Yet.

Washington, D.C., Nov. 5.—President Roosevelt to-night was shown a copy of Judge Parker's reply to his statement. The judge's reply to his statement was announced by Secretary Root that the President had no statement to make.

BOND'S VICTORY.

Newfoundland Premier Now Holds Twenty-Nine Seats to Opposition Five.

The Klondike coal output for the year just ended will aggregate 6,000 tons, more than double that of any previous year, says a Dawson paper.

The Dawson Electric Light & Power Company, the lessee of the coal mine, is the principal consumer of the product, it requiring an average of ten tons a day. During the summer Dawson has been a liberal consumer of the Coal creek coal, but owing to the necessities of the company's electric light plant but little more, if any, will be sold from now on.

Over \$50,000 have been expended this season at the mines in the way of permanent improvements. The docks and ore bins which were built last year have been abandoned owing to such having been constructed alongside an eddy, which during the summer has shouldered to such an extent that steamers can no longer get within reach to take on cargoes.

The new coal bins have a capacity of 2,000 tons, and are charged by the cars dumping their contents directly into them.

SOLDIERS CALLED OUT.

Large Force Summoned to Preserve Order at Innsbruck, Scene of Fatal Riots.

Vienna, Nov. 5.—The Premier, Dr. Von Koerber, to-day replied to the dispatch of Herr Erler, the representative in the Reichsrath who yesterday demanded that the Premier remove the Italian faculty and hold the government responsible for the consequences in the event of its refusal, as follows:

"The deplorable event at Innsbruck can only determine the government for the present to adopt vigorous measures for the enforcement of public order, and this will enforce with all the means at its disposal. At the same time it is impossible to adequately condemn the extravagant agitation which has preceded the disturbance, and which has undoubtedly invested them with their passionate and lawless character."

Dr. Van Koerber telephoned the government of Innsbruck as follows:

"I deeply deplore not only the victims but also the excesses of which your town, ordinarily so peaceful, has become the scene. I consider it the first and foremost duty of the government to restore complete tranquility, in which I count upon the co-operation of the common council and the good judgment of all the thoughtful inhabitants."

A memorial demonstration for the victims of the rioting at Innsbruck will be held November 7th, under the auspices of the University in the hall of the university. The German students of the High school and other distinctly German students decided to hold a protest meeting to-day.

The war minister announced, after an exhaustive inquiry, that it is doubtful if Breezy, the German artist who was killed by a bayonet thrust Friday, was really killed by a gendarme's bayonet, and consequently a post mortem examination of the remains has been ordered with the view of securing expert evidence regarding the nature of the wound. A dispatch from Innsbruck, published here-to-day, says railroad officials had been severely wounded by a bayonet thrust.

With the consent of the minister of the French colonies, the dethroned Emperor of Annam, Ham-Nghi, who has been a prisoner of the French for 16 years, left Paris a few days ago for Marseilles, en route for Algeria, where he will be married to his betrothed, Mile. Laike, a charming lady of about 20, who accompanied him.

The ex-Emperor, who was for years detained in Algeria, made the acquaintance of the young lady some time ago, and fell deeply in love with her. His affection was returned, but her father, who is president of the Algiers Court of Appeal, objected to the match on the ground of her lover's color and religion. But the girl's tears finally overcame the opposition of her father, and the marriage was arranged.

Ham-Nghi, who is 33 years of age, enjoyed his downfall to a revolt which he headed against the French in 1885, when Gen. de Conoy's garrison was besieged in the palace at Hue, and desperate fighting occurred.

Finally a relief force under Col. Per-

sonal not scattered the rebels, and Ham-Nghi fled to the mountains of Kwangsi, where he carried on a guerrilla war against the French till 1888, when he was captured. The following year he was interned in Algeria with a pension of £1,200 a year, which on the occasion of his marriage will be increased to £2,200.

The ex-Emperor is slight and delicate in appearance, with expressive eyes, an ivory skin, and black, drooping mous-

teeth.

Russia make confession before that inquiry board," exclaimed a prominent British naval officer. "I think not, and if she does not make a clean breast of it the chances are strongly against the world's being advised precisely of what happened on that fateful night, for the only persons in the world who really know are among the officers and crews of the Russian vessels."

"There is only one possible chance of procuring evidence, the production of which would compel Russia to tell the truth. It lies in finding the Russian vessel submerged near the Dogger Bank. Maybe there is none there, maybe no torpedo boat was sunk, but if Vice-Admiral Rojstvensky told the truth when he said that he sunk a torpedo boat, that boat, if it can be found, will necessarily be the Russian craft, for no other than Russian war craft was present in those waters on that night. I would not gamble much on finding such a torpedo boat, for the reason that I do not place great credence in the vice-admiral's story; but it may be there, and ought to be searched for, anyhow."

"My view, however, and that of many of my friends, is that when Russia has apologized and paid the damages, and possibly reprimanded an officer or two, she will be through with the incident. It does not seem possible just now that she will consent to have the truth known, nor that it can be known absolutely without her consent."

YUKON COAL.

Six Thousand Tons Mined During the Past Year—Output Doubled.

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RIOTING RENEWED.

Further Troubles at Innsbruck—Troops Have Been Called Out.

Innsbruck, Nov. 5.—Rioting on a large scale recommenced at noon. Troops are coming in from a distance. There is some evidence that the authorities will proclaim martial law. A strong force of troops is posted in the neighborhood of the Italian consulate.

C. A. Pearson, proprietor of the London Daily Express and other newspapers, authorizes the announcement that he has purchased the Morning and Evening Standard. He does not contemplate alterations, and says he is acting for himself alone, the purchase being purely a business and not a political transaction.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

The London Standard's Shanghai correspondent says it is rumored there that the Dalai Lama of Tibet has arrived at Peking.

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The Cody, Wyo., bank robbers have escaped. Members of the posse who have returned say that the timber in which the outlaws took refuge has been thoroughly beaten, with no trace of the men wanted. The pursuit has not been abandoned, however.

Alleging that the woman to whom he had been engaged three returns to him a worthless ring in place of a valuable diamond, Henry P. Seppenfeld has begun suit at Chicago for \$25,000 against Mrs. Eve B. Wood, widow of John H. Wood, and formerly Miss Eve Lowry, of Mayville, Ky.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Nov. 7—5 a.m.—The barometer is low over the northern portion of the province, and rain has been general over the Pacific slope from Port Simpson to the Columbia river, and a fresh southerly gale prevails on the coasts of Oregon and Washington. From the Rockies eastward to Manitoba the weather is fine, with light frosts.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Tuesday. Victoria and vicinity—Southerly winds, unsettled, with occasional rains.

Lower Mainland—Lasterly to southerly winds, unsettled, with rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, 52; minimum, 50; wind, calm; rain, .20; weather, rain.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, 50; minimum, 50; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .38; weather, rain.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, 48; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, fair.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, 38; minimum, 30; wind, calm; rain, trace; weather, rain.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, 54; minimum, 52; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 30; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—Sunday—Dan McKenzie, Dr Gregson, Mrs Gregson, Mr McCannet, Mrs McCannet, G L Clayton, Miss Jenkins, J P Howe, Jr, Miss Howe, A G Colquhoun, L E Fisher, John Douglas, Mrs Douglas, J Johns, Chief Justice Hunter, Mr Quinn, Mrs Quinn, W G Bittencourt, W Hay, W G Personnes and wife, W M Taylor, W L Eaton, C E Hurd, K J Burns, H P Allison, Miss Nutall, W Hicks, J C Macdonald, A Holmes, P C Key, Mrs Key, O W Storer, Mrs Stoner, Miss Steele, Mrs H W Storer, Mr Vroom, W A Turner, J W Stran, wife and son.

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THE ARION CLUB.

Enters Upon Its Thirteenth Season—Hopes to Maintain High Musical Standard.

In a prospective setting forth the aims of the organization for the 13th season, which it is about to enter upon, the Arion Club says:

As customary, three concerts will be given during the season, and the club will continue to engage professional assistance of a high order as heretofore.

As regards the club numbers, some especially pleasing new music has been obtained, and although the third concert of last season was generally conceded to be the best ever given by the club, a strong effort will be made to at least maintain the high standard then reached.

The club intends giving "The Desert," by Felician David, a work written for male voices, accompanied by a large orchestra and tenor soloist.

The committee cordially acknowledge the large measure of support received from the musical public of Victoria, and they trust that the club's efforts to continually raise the standard of its concerts will be appreciated; and, further, that it will be recognized by an even larger subscription list than in the past, so that the necessary funds may be provided for the engagement of more professional soloists.

It is hoped that, with this object in view, the present associate members will bring the club before the notice of their friends.

Requests for the performance by the club of any particular works, new or old, will be gladly considered by the committee, if, possibly, compiled with.

Gentlemen desirous of joining the club as auxiliary singing members, should make early application to the secretary.

W. F. Birns is honorary secretary, and to him all communications concerning the affairs of the club should be addressed.

A man born in a European country of a Chinese father and English mother may not be deported from the United States under the Chinese Exclusion Act, according to an opinion handed down by Judge Holt in the United States District court, New York. The case in which the decision was made was that of San Yuen, whom the federal authorities sought to deport. He is forty years old and had been in this country twenty-four years.

AWFUL EXPERIENCE WITH HEART DISEASE—Mr. L. J. Law, Toronto, Can., writes: "I was so sorely troubled with heart disease that I was unable for 18 months to lie down in bed lest I smother. After taking one dose of Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure, I retired and slept soundly. I used one bottle and the trouble has not returned."—99.

**PROUD PLACE WON
BY THE PROVINCE****REPORTS RELATING
TO AWARD FOR FRUIT**

Further Particulars Respecting Granting of Gold Medal of Royal Horticultural Society of England.

Mention has already been made in the columns of the Times of the winning by the province of British Columbia of the highest award for fruit at the Royal Horticultural Society show in London. The prizes were awarded on October 18th. Copies of the correspondence in connection with it have been forwarded the Times by R. M. Palmer, secretary of the bureau of information, which gives fuller details of the proud place which British Columbia fruit has been given in the British market.

In a letter from J. H. Turner, agent general for British Columbia, the following information is given:

"The jury of the society on fruit, there were about twenty of them, were greatly interested, and had several baskets of the fruit taken to their room for more careful consideration, and they all very thoroughly examined the whole of our exhibit, taking a long time over it. They were particularly interested in the Wolf River, King and Ribston Pippin apples and the Howell pear. Finally the secretary came and informed me that the committee had unanimously decided to give British Columbia the highest British award, the society's gold medal. This took me greatly by surprise. It is a very much coveted distinction and not freely given, and I assure you it greatly elated me, so I cabled the news at once over to the office of the minister of finance."

"The committee before leaving informed me that the pearls labelled Eastern Beurre were here called Beurre Diel, and the Golden Russet apples are known here as Golden Relinet.

"The minister of agriculture and Mrs. Tatlow came in shortly after the award was made, and were as delighted as I was at the result. Mr. Tatlow considers it of great importance to have a good exhibit at the Royal Horticultural Society's show of colonial fruit on 13th and 14th December."

J. Braden proposed "The Legislature" in a few well-chosen words. He paid a tribute to G. Riley, M.P., and R. Hall, M.P.P.

In responding, Mr. Riley thought that all present should congratulate themselves that they lived under the form of government that existed in Canada. There was a bright future in store for Victorians. Notwithstanding all that had been heard to the contrary, the Grand Trunk Pacific railway would be built, and it would start from the Pacific coast. (Hear, hear.) Very few realized what this road would mean to British Columbians.

He had been a resident of Victoria during the construction of the C.P.R. That railway had increased trade, made business brisk and created a boom which made poor men wealthy and everyone prosperous. There was no doubt that the starting of the Grand Trunk Pacific would mark the opening of a new era of prosperity. He hoped all present would participate in the expected good times. (Cheers.)

J. G. Brown and A. Wheeler then rendered several musical selections, which, judging by the enthusiastic applause, were much appreciated.

As the hour was advancing the toasts

"The Orange Order," "The Mayor and Aldermen," "Visiting Brethren," "Sister Societies" and "The Ladies" were briefly dismissed. The gathering dispersed after singing "God Save the King."

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THIRTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY.
Services Conducted in the Reformed Episcopal Church Yesterday Morning and Evening.

Yesterday the Church of Our Lord entered upon the 31st year of its existence. In the morning the pulpit was occupied by the founder, the venerable Bishop Cridge, who preached at the remarkable age of 87, full of vim and energy, a sermon of 25 minutes' length, suitable to the occasion. The venerable Bishop afterwards assisted in the celebration of the holy communion. The choir rendered an anthem, "Call to Remembrance," by Novello, the solo being Mrs. Richard Jones, who sang with unusual power and effect. After the service Mrs. Lamont gave exquisitely "The Lord Is My Shepherd."

The evening service was characterized by a special service of song which drew a very large congregation, though the night was wet and disagreeable. The rector, Rev. H. J. Wood, read evening prayer and preached a short sermon, the service of song following immediately after the invocation. It consisted of half an hour's sacred music such as will not be soon forgotten by those present. Two anthems were rendered by the choir, "Call to Remembrance" was repeated, and Mrs. Richard Jones in the solo surpassed her rendering in the morning. If possible, Godfrey Booth was in fine voice and sang the solo in the second anthem, "Tarry With Me, O My Saviour," with great effect, also a fine solo, "Jerusalem." Joshua Kingsbury gave "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" very beautifully, and his fine tenor voice was thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. J. D. Holmeck contributed in her usual faultless style a solo, "O Thou Afflicted." It is always a treat to hear Mrs. Holmeck sing.

The characters of Orlando and Oliver in the hands of Geo. Sylvester and John Alexander were somewhat disappointing. In less important parts, however, genuine merit was shown. This was true of Mark Price as Jaques, the philosophic attendant upon the Banished Duke. He possessed a rich voice and splendid eloquency powers.

To a considerable extent the same was true of Duncan Lansden, who appeared in the dual caste of the exiled duke, and Duke Frederick, the usurper. The latter, however, was not so successful in other respects on the stage. In connection with Mr. Price there was naturally created a desire to see him in a part which would have brought him more prominently forward.

An excellent quartette was included in the cast, which took musical parts of the play. Edward Pooley, as Amiens, took the leading parts in it. In act two he sang "Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind" in a most satisfactory manner.

Margaret Bower, in the character of Celia, the companion of Rosalind, took her part very acceptably. She does not possess the beauty of her companion, but her interpretation of the character compared very favorably with the work of Miss Gale.

The remaining parts were taken in a becoming manner, special honor being due Chas. B. Kelley as Adam and Oliver West as Audrey.

The stage settings were excellent and the costumes were likewise in keeping.

"The Runaways."

Arthur Dunn in "The Runaways" will be the attraction at the Victoria theatre on Thursday. This is the original company which played for over six months at the Casino theatre, New York, and is the only company producing the gorgeous musical extravaganza upon which Messrs. Shubert, Nixon & Zimmerman expended \$75,000. In "The Runaways" are over seventy-five people, which includes three comedians, three prima donnas, and three groups of show girls. "The Runaways" is in two acts, the first showing the club house and race track at Saratoga and the second in the Island of Table D'Hote in the far Pacific, where indigence is unknown. A riot of music, color and fun begins at the rise of the curtain and never flags. In the cast in the support of Arthur Dunn, that diminutive comedian, are Chas. Dox, Clarence Harvey, Thos. Whitbread, Wm. Meehan, Ermine Earle, Salie Randall, Blanche Wayne and the Althea sisters.

The Edison Theatre.

The new bill at the Edison to-night promises to provide excellent entertainment. Clifford Eskell, a conjurer and illusionist, who recently arrived from Australia, will appear in his "Mirth and Mystery" act. Judging by press notices he should prove a capital turn. Perez and King will give a popular number called "A Study in White," in which Mr. Perez does some remarkable posing and trapeze work. Anna Louise King is the well known vocalist of operatic fame. The Vancouver Province pronounced the act something out of the ordinary, and in every way a great specialty. Dutch Walton is not only a clever dialect comedian, but a most amusing instrumentalist as well. He has appeared at all of the leading theatres on the coast, and can always be depended on to make a hit.

The Heim children are two very clever youngsters, the girl being eight and the boy but five years of age. Their little comedy sketch is replete with songs, dances and funny patter, and one could hardly believe that such little tots could rank with professionals.

Mr. Emmett, the new manager of the Edison, is thoroughly experienced in catering to vanderbilt patrons, and promises that at all times the Edison shows will be bright, clean and up-to-date. Matinees will be given every day except Monday, and at night two shows will be given, the curtain rising at 7.45. Matinees will be given at 3 and 10 cents will be the afternoon tariff.

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SHOWING THE WHITE FEATHER.

We are sorry to observe that the tremendous victory of the Laurier government appears to have completely demoralized the Conservative forces in all parts of Canada. It is announced that the opposition in the province of Quebec will put no candidates in the field against the forces of the Parent government. This extraordinary decision is said to have been reached at a convention of the party leaders held in the city of Montreal. It is claimed that as there is still one year of the regular legislative term to run, it is unfair of the government to take advantage of the extraordinary prestige of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the country as an aid to a new lease of power.

There are no fixed periods for the holding of elections under our constitutional system of government. That is a matter that is left entirely in the hands of the advisers of the representative of the Crown. Seldom indeed, either in Great Britain or in Canada, does a Parliament die through the lapse of time. It is usually dissolved when a premier and his cabinet consider the time opportune. The Liberal government of Alexander MacKenzie served its full time of five years. Sir Charles Tupper's Conservative administration was dissolved by effusion of time because the members of that government were conspiring against each other, and the country was obviously awaiting an opportunity to pronounce an adverse judgment. If there had been harmony within the ranks and prosperity in the country, no such dilemma would have been permitted to present itself. The Parent government is therefore acting well within the constitution in asking for a dissolution at this time. It is not the alleged "Laurier boom" the Conservative opposition fears. The Liberal government has established a magnificent record in Quebec. It came into power at a time when the provincial finances were in a deplorable condition. There had been deficit after deficit. Repudiation of obligations was openly suggested. It appeared to be impossible to raise sufficient revenue to meet obligations. The condition of Quebec at that time is the condition of British Columbia to-day. A few years of Liberal rule restored the equilibrium between revenue and expenditure. Years of deficits have been succeeded by annual surpluses. Realizing its impotence in the face of such a record, the Conservative party in Quebec is said to have been seized of the brilliant idea of permitting elections which could not be won to go by default. If this childishly plan should be presented at a government meeting a Legislature without an opposition to criticize it and hold it in check. But we believe the counsels of higher wisdom will yet prevail in Quebec, and that men having regard for the future of the Conservative party will insist upon the flag of truce being hauled down.

BETTER TERMS.

The Colonist says it "takes the first opportunity of stating that the question of Better Terms, which it assisted in making an issue in the province, will not be permitted to drop." It is proper that the subject should be taken out of the sphere of partisan politics and considered on its merits as a great subject of provincial and national importance. If, however, the party in power should refuse to consider it as such then it must necessarily become an issue in each succeeding election until our claims be granted or taken by the people of British Columbia to the foot of the Throne itself." There is an ominous threat for you. Right to the foot of the Throne itself! Might we be permitted to ask who shall be the bearer of this momentous "suffocation"? Will it be Mr. R. E. Gosnell, the author and finisher of the case for better terms for the province, or mere subordinates and echoes such a Hon. Richard McBride, Hon. R. F.

Green, Sir Hibbert Tupper, or Mr. George Cowan? We have heard of the rights of individuals to take cases "to the foot of the Throne," but we are not aware that within late years it has been the custom to resort to such extreme measures. Our courts of justice are perhaps not perfect in their operations, but they suffice. We are sure that if any subject actually carried a grievance before the King, he would be referred to the courts of the land with an air of courtesy and demeanor that would convince him that justice had all but been received. The foot of the Throne is therefore but a figure of speech. The Times has maintained that the question of better terms could not be made a party matter. We think it is not a subject that should be dealt with by individuals with the view of magnifying their personal importance nor parties with the object of making political capital. Nor do we think the subject should be brought into contempt by flamboyant threats of appeals to a tribunal which practically has no longer a material existence. Neither can a party which has wasted the resources of British Columbia in profligacy be permitted to transfer the responsibility for the financial condition of the province to-day, and for the burdens the McBride government has laid upon the shoulders of the people, upon the back of a federal government which had nothing whatever to do with the fixing of the terms of union. There is no doubt whatever that the Laurier government will deal justly with British Columbia; but whether justice will take the form Mr. R. E. Gosnell says he has demanded is an entirely different matter.

Prince Edward Island is the one province of the Dominion that has turned its back upon the Laurier government. Our stricken friends on the opposition side may extract all the consolation they can from that fact. It would be mean to point out that the island is perhaps in a resentful mood because it has been deprived of fifth of its representation in Parliament and blames the government for doing its duty.

In the East Tory newspapers and Tory orators previous to the election ravingly besought the people of Canada to remember Dundonald and to Keep Both Hands Upon the Union Jack. The incendiary and hypocritical appeals were all in vain. And still Canadians will keep both hands upon the Union Jack.

JUST ONE MORE.

Chicago Chronicle.

Mary had a little lamb,
He was a foolish sheep,
And that's the reason why, no doubt,
She got the thing so cheap.

He followed her to school one day,
Which proved he was a fool,
For Mary was a modern girl,
And went to cooking school.

They all were glad to see the lamb,
'Tis sad, but, as, true,
The welcome that they gave the lamb
Soon put him in a stew.

GUNNER.

Divin' down among the dead,
Goes the bloomin' submarine,
With the sunlight over 'ead,
An' the ocean in between.
An' I couldn't tell ye w'en
She's a-comin' up again.

There's a speck upon the water goin' outward to the "Spit."
I've see'd it pretty often, and I know it;
It would strike a gunner as an easy thing
to 't.
An' there's quite a little box o'-tricks be-low it.

It's a glorified sea-serpent with a lot o' paten' guts.
An' a round-the-corner lookin'-glass to guide it;

With a breathin' apparatus fastened in w' bolts an' nuts,
An' a lot o' livin' sailors inside it.

It creeps up under water, like a kind o' wrigglin' ed;

To a battleship 'as doesn't see it comin';
And looks a terpeda just a bit above 'er keel.

And fairly sets the neighbor'ood a-'ummin'.

Ye may talk o' British valor wot is never
know'd to fail,
But "valor" as a word ain't gettin' near it.

For me as plays at Jony in the belly o' the whale,
An' knowin' of the danger—doesn't fear it.

For if this divin' man-o'-war should get
"er works askew,

Wat ain't a rare occurrence in the Navy,
There ain't no gettin' out of it fer any o' 'er crew.

The lot 's got to go to Mr. Davy.

I'd prefer to do me dyin' with the sun a-lookin' on,
An' a bullet in the 'ead to end me troubles.

To disappearin' sudden—no one knowin'
that I'd gone,

Without they chanced to see a lot o' bubbles.

Divin' down among the dead,
Goes the bloomin' submarine,
With the sunlight over 'ead,
An' the ocean in between.
She's a-comin' up again,
But I couldn't tell ye w'en.

WHY WE LAUGH.

I have been reading a very curious book by M. Henri Bergson, called "Le Rire," in which the author explains why we laugh. He has a novel theory to account for the laughter, which is that automatism is the real genesis of the comic.

In gesture, says M. Bergson, the movements of the human body are laughable in the exact degree in which that body reminds us of a mechanism. For instance, why do we laugh when an orator, making an eloquent gesture, upsets the glass of water placed before him? We do not laugh because the motion was an unexpected one, but because the body ceased to be under control and was mechanical. Had the speech-maker had an apoplectic stroke, it would have been just as unexpected, but we should not have laughed. Speeches which make us laugh, M. Bergson goes on, are those which come out automatically. For instance, "If I die, will you come to my funeral?" "With pleasure." And, of course, automatism in a situation makes for laughter, such as the celebrated situation in the "Chapeau de Paille d'Italie," when a whole marriage party searches for a straw hat which a horse has eaten. There is something novel about this theory of M. Henri Bergson.

But what a century we live in! In olden days we laughed and were content. The man who would have sat himself down to spot paper with a view to proving how we came to laugh would have been laughed at, all things considered.

Now have the disintegrating influences

been entirely eliminated from the ranks of the Democrats. The Bryan element with its extreme views is still a force to be reckoned with. It has not been reconciled to the programme of the dominant conservative classes. Mr. Parker will meet his opponents with a jangling, clashing, practically warring, army of unreasoning aspirants behind him. There is but little doubt that his career as a presidential possibility will come to an end with the campaign of 1904. Silence will again descend upon the mysterious precincts of Utopia. Parker when he refused to open his mouth was a disappointment to his friends. Driven into speech by their importunities, he has come still farther short of their fond anticipations. Hence all the signs indicate a great Republican triumph.

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GERMANY'S FUTURE EMPRESS.

Women of Country Will Warmly Welcome the Duchess Cecilia.

If all they say about her is true, the future Crown Princess of Germany should be a very happy woman, says a correspondent in the London Daily Express. At eighteen years of age the Duchess Cecilia is promised a career so splendid that one is prone to hope for her that she does not guess all its means.

Politics have their part in the denouement. The vindication of Bismarck, the culmination of the Kaiser's endeavors to conciliate the Duke of Cumberland, and lay the question of the sequestered throne of Hanover, might be discussed for hours. But it is the sentiment of the thing that has won the heart of Germany, and the arrangement has fallen out charmingly, for the Prince and Duchess have fallen in love with one another, as though they were not a Prince, and she not a Duchess. The Germanans are not the folk to withhold their enthusiastic adherence to the tenderer side.

Of course, the Duchess Cecilia is the future Empress who will set the pace for every woman in Germany.

But there is nothing to be heard of the little lady to which any German woman can take exception. The truth is that the Kaiser's son has found his wife in a very pretty and very sweet child, who has not even yet emerged from the nursery cocoon to the dazzle of Royal life.

Germany knows very little of the Duchess Cecilia. Indeed hardly anybody has seen her. Her life hitherto has been secluded, limited to her school room, and to her rides in the woods. She rides well, they say, and has shown fine mettle in teaching an unruly brute the whole duty of a horse.

The most curious thing that I saw was this. A church in an Alsatian village was damaged by fire. The village blacksmith dreamt that he made a machine which when wound up threw out a counter with a number on it every five minutes. He went in his dreams to Homburg with the machine, played on the number and won enough to restore the church. When he related his dream to his fellow-villagers money was subscribed. The machine was made, and he was sent to Homburg with it.

There can be no doubt that the women of Germany are willing to welcome her. In Hanover and Brunswick just now people are squabbling very actively about the political significance of the business, saying that the reconciliation of the Duke of Cumberland and the Kaiser means that it is all up with the Guelphs. But these are prosy folk, who know too much history; the women are absorbed in the far more weighty aspect of the betrothal, which arises out of the fact that little Cecilia was courted and won as any of them might be, and that she got the man of her heart, even if he was the one man indicated by the requirements of the Emperor and the others.

Every day for a week the machine was placed in the gambling room under his supervision, two peasants stood at the roulette table to play, and the village priest walked up and down the room praying. At the end of the week the requisite amount was won. The priest assured me that this was the result of a miracle. He may have been right or he may have been wrong. Anyhow, the money was won and the village church restored.—Mr. Labourde in Truth.

A MOUNTAIN THEATRE.

Probably the most novel theatre in the world is that which was recently opened at Thale, in Germany. The theatre is on the summit of a mountain, and is surrounded on all sides by steep rocks; the seats for the audience are hewn out of the rock and accommodate 1,000 persons, and the stage, which is also hewn out of the rock, is 80 feet long by 54 feet wide. No artificial scenery is used, but the background is formed by the dense forest, and by the outlines of the mountains in the distance. The dressing room for the actors is close at hand in the forest, but completely hidden from the audience. The theatre is fully protected from the wind, and its acoustic properties are so excellent that every word heard.

I think she will remember all her life—remember and be proud of the welcome that is in store for her when next she comes to Berlin. She will hear what many a Queen never lived to hear, the streets ring with the shouted blessings of the people, the nation, she comes to lead. They don't define it to themselves, I suppose, but this engagement is a vindication of the secret soul of Germany, of its love for the pastoral and idyllic wherever these can be imported into the relations of life. Had the Crown Prince married an English lady, or let Prince Henry bring his home a Russian Grand Duchess, there would have been a welcome and a great one, but none such as this, to the little lady who was courted like a bourgeoisie in the woods of Altona. It is for herself, as well as for the bride of the future Kaiser, that Germany, following its women, is ready to love her, is in love with her already.

Are you masking or spectator?

**FAMOUS SERGES**

Made by Sir Titus Salt's Suits
made from these will never fade.

COOPER & LINKLATER

AGENTS FOR B.C.

COR. FORT AND BROAD.

We guarantee fit, style and workmanship.

A NEW POISON.

"A number of years ago a French chemist, Cadet, combined potassium with white arsenic and produced a fuming liquid, oxide of cadmium," says The Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette. "This has recently been combined by an English chemist with cyanogen, a radical of prussic acid, which produces cyanide of cadmium. Cyanide of cadmium is a white powder, melting at 33 degrees and boiling at 140 degrees, which when exposed to air gives off a slight vapor, the inhalation of which is instant death. Thus has chemistry evolved a poison which is many times more poisonous than prussic acid."

The funniest prettiest jollies' Masquerade of the year Thursday.

Special Store News

For the Second Week
in November From

David Spencer LIMITED

**\$7.50 to \$12.50 Skirts,
Tuesday \$3.90**

Honeycomb Shawls

We place on sale Tuesday a variety of Outside Skirts, no two alike; colors, green mixtures, grey mixtures, browns, blues, black, etc.

Tuesday, \$3.90

Twenty-Six Silk Waists

NO TWO ALIKE.

Prices \$12.50 to \$15.00. Trimmed insertions and laces. All new from Paris this season.

To-Day, \$10.00 each

New Fancy and Plain Crinkled Paper**Children's Dresses**

At \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00

Many pretty styles in Government Street window

65c and 75c BLOUSE FLANNELS, this week	45c

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BOWES' BRONCHIAL BALSAM

If you've ever been in the woods and breathed the Pine Balsam air and felt your lungs expand with health and freedom, you know about what Bronchial Balsam ought to do for you.

No need to tell you that we sell more of it than any other remedy.

50c and 25c

CYRUS H. BOWES,
CHEMIST,
98 Government St., Near Yates St.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

All kinds of upholstery and matress repairing at Smith & Champion, 100 Douglas street. Get our prices.

At the B. C. Drug Store

27 JOHNSON ST., NEAR STORE ST.
Will be found a very fine line of fountain sprays, water bottles, Frost King and Queen chamber vests, coat protectors, etc. A special offer for the next few days. These goods are all first-class quality, and should receive your attention.

J. TEAGUE.

Phone 336.

— Go to the Senate saloon for oyster cocktails.

Steamer Whatcom sails daily, except Sunday, for Victoria at 8 p.m. E. E. Blackwood, agent.

— Take in a supply of "SLAB WOOD" before the wet weather sets in. To be had at Lemon, Gonnason & Co.'s mills. Telephone 77. Prompt delivery.

Monkey Brand Soap makes copper like gold, tin like silver, crockery like marble, and windows like crystal.

— Something Easy—Smith & Champion, 100 Douglas street, have a lot of easy chairs that they want to clear out to make room for new goods. The prices as well as the chairs are easy.

The depth and softness of the coloring of Doulton Faience, on exhibition at Messrs. Weiler Bros., is very agreeable. Have you seen this ware? Do not delay, there is only a limited selection.

— Cosy Corners.—If you are thinking of adding a cosy corner to the comforts of your home, try Smith & Champion, upholsterers, 100 Douglas street.

— H. H. Abbott, agent of the C. P. R. Co., has been advised of exceptionally low rates on the Atlantic. If you wish a trip to the Old Country call and see him at 86 Government street.

— All kinds of upholstering and repairing done promptly and well. Smith & Champion, 100 Douglas street.

— Fire, Life, Marine and Accident Agency, Travelers' Life and Accident Insurance Company. Tickets 25c a day. Lowest rates for marine insurance on hulls or cargo. Agency, Lloyd's underwriters. Office, Wellington Coal: agency, Atlantic S.S. Linea. Hall-Goepel Co., 100 Government St. Tel. call 83.

St George's, the merriest Masquerade Ball of the season.

— Iron bedsteads, springs, mattresses and pillows cheap, at Smith & Champion, 100 Douglas street.

Aromatic Cod Liver Oil

is a wonder. Contains 25 per cent. of Pure Cod Liver Oil, and is absolutely tasteless. It is combined with the Compound Salts of Hypophosphites. There is nothing like it in the whole system. For that long standing cough no equal. \$1.00 a bottle; 6 for \$5.00. FAWCETT'S FAMILY DRUG STORE, Phone 630. Cor. Douglas St. and King's Rd.

The steamer for Seattle and other Puget Sound points sails at 8 p.m. daily, except Sunday. Office, 100 Government St.

— Good dry No. 2 wood, \$3.20 per cord. John Bros.

— For Nanaimo—V. & S. R. and steamship Iroquois. A delightful trip among the islands, Mondays and Thursdays.

— MODERN HOMES.—People desiring up-to-date houses before winter would do well to consult the B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, as the company are just completing a number of very desirable houses which they are offering for sale on the instalment plan. This is a good opportunity to secure a home by paying a little more than a monthly rental. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government street.

— Have you seen the new sofa cushion made of "kapok"? Better than feathers, and cost only about half as much. At Smith & Champion, 100 Douglas street.

— Boiling Water five minutes after you turn on the Switch, if you use one of our New Electric Disc Heaters. We don't want to encourage laziness, but just think how handy this is. Really economical and useful. Let us show you them. The Hinton Electric Co.

Now That Elections Are Over,

COME IN AND LOOK AT THE ASSORTMENT OF

Scotch Tweed Suitings

Remember that these goods are of the best quality. Every garment made to perfection at

PEDEN'S

36 Fort St. Merchant Tailor.

A SAD FATALITY ON MAYNE ISLAND

RESIDENT'S DAUGHTER ACCIDENTLY SHOT

Ran to Rescue Younger Brother From Danger and Received the Bullet Herself.

A Good Opportunity

To acquire a fine new and modern residence, centrally located, roomy and with all the modern conveniences. Do not miss this, it is

50c and 25c

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98 Government St., Near Yates St.

A SNAP

Fire and Life Insurance Agents.

Money to Loan.

Grant & Conyers

NO. 2 VIEW STREET,
(Corner Broad Street).

Rupture Specialist Heard is at his offices, Moody block, this week.

Fred Sherburne, who had the building of the new freight shed on the C. P. R. wharf, has been awarded the contract for the erection of the offices in connection therewith.

The Ladies of the Maccabees will meet at 2.30 to-morrow evening at the home of Mrs. Clyde, No. 149 Quadra street, to continue their work in aid of the rally fund.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Gaukroger took place Saturday morning from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Alnutt, Second street, to St. Barnabas's church, where Rev. Mr. Miller officiated. A large number of friends attended and many floral emblems were presented. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. S. Holman, F. Murray, J. A. McIntosh, W. Woolcock, T. Elkington and A. J. Mallett.

All arrangements have been completed for the St. George's masquerade ball to be given in A.O.U.W. hall on Thursday evening. The best characters represented are to be awarded prizes of such value as to insure the keenest interest in the matter of competition. The prizes are on exhibition in the show windows of B. Williams & Co., Yates street. Music will be provided by the Davis orchestra.

— Within a fortnight from one hundred and one hundred and fifty men now employed in sewer and other work will be paid off by the city. In about ten days a large force of laborers engaged in permanent sidewalk laying will be discharged, as by that time the civic programme for these improvements for the present season will have been carried out. The rainy season setting in will also interfere with sewer construction, and this will shortly have to be suspended.

— The death took place in Seattle last evening of Helen, eldest daughter of H. J. McCurdy, foreman of the B. C. Photo Engraving Co., of this city. She was aged about 10 and had been sick but a few days, her father being summoned home by telegram on Saturday.

— H. M. S. Shearwater goes to Vancouver on Thursday to meet her new crew expected to arrive from England on Friday. The flagship Grafton sailed on Saturday evening. So far as known no reason has been advanced for her recall home, and residents of Esquimalt continue to speculate on the cause.

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— The Savoy theatre will put on a change of programme again this week, commencing to-night. The first item on the programme will be a one-act comedy from the pen of P. N. Smith entitled "The Arrival of Patti." Smith and Elsie will appear for the last week before going East. Ralph Emerson, the baritone, who made such a pronounced hit last week, is retained. He will sing the illustrated song "Follow the Crowd on Sunday." Mollie Laundrean will also appear. The Clark sisters, soubrettes, will present another of their challenge songs and dances. Others in the list are the Maye sisters, singers, dancers and character change artists; Pearl Ashley, singing comedienne, and Violin Le Page, terpsichorean artiste.

— Geo. Buskin, agent of the evangelical and colportage mission of Algoma and the Northwest, is visiting Victoria in behalf of the mission. The mission was incorporated in 1884, and has worked since then over a very wide district, in the dissemination of the Holy Scriptures and scriptural literature, having supplied over 40,000 copies in 20 languages that have been taken account of, and many thousands more that have not been recorded. It also published 67 editions of tracts and books for its work in five languages, including a dictionary for the Ojibway Indians, incurring a cost of \$600. The second part also is in course of publication, and will be attended with the same expense. There is a present indebtedness of over \$3,000, which the missionary is seeking means to discharge. This work is denominational.

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"Good! the wind blows that light out so fast, as the man can light it."

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BOOTS, SHOES And RUBBERS

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There Is A Leading Shoe House, And It's Ours.

It gains and holds its enviable position by its own methods - by qualities that appeal strongly to the wearers of good foot-wear. We show all the new fall styles, and we would be pleased to show them to you. Better shoes for the same money, or less money for the same shoes, than you pay anywhere else in the city.

Proof? The Shoes

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THE LEADING SHOE DEALERS.

ENTERTAINMENT TO-NIGHT.

Cantata to Be Given by Chorus of Forty Voices at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Organ Recital and sacred cantata will be held this evening at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. There will be a chorus of 40 voices, and Miss Queenie McCoy, A. T. C. M., Mrs. Currie, J. L. Gibson and H. Kent are among the principals. Jesse Longfield will act as leader and A. Longfield will preside at the organ. During the evening a collection will be taken in aid of the church mortgage fund. A large attendance is anticipated, as a pleasant evening is guaranteed all. Appended is the complete programme:

PART I
Organ Solo—Offertoire à la Sonata J. T. Field
Allegro, Chorale, Andante, Allegro, Vivace, Soprano Solo—The Heavenly Voice Doncaster
Mrs. W. E. Stanland.
Violin Solo—Resignation Langley
Mr. Jesse Longfield.
Bass Solo—Fleur Raged the Tempest Little
Mr. Gideon Hicks.
Descriptive Organ Solo—On the Coast Dudley Buck
"Dash high, roaring surf."
On the rock-bound coast of the Northland!
Shout in thy glee, glorious wave,
Born in the clasp of the Northwind!
Thunder in echoing tones
Through the caves of the guardian sea cliffs!

But when dost lift thee to rest
O list to the Angels' blast,
And the chant which floats over the deep."
Contralto Solo—The Outcast Jude
Mrs. Gideon Hicks.
Organ Solo—Triumphant March Guiraud Collection in Aid of Church Mortgage Fund.

PART II
Cantata—A Joyful Thanksgiving Simpler Chorus of 40 Voices.

Principals: Soprano, Miss Queenie McCoy, A. T. C. M.; Contralto, Mrs. Currie; Tenor, Mr. J. L. Gibson; Bass, Mr. H. Kent.

God Save the King.

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— The mystery connected with the finding of a body on the beach at Nanaimo a few days ago has been cleared up. At the coroner's inquest held on Saturday it was shown by letters found on his person that the man had committed suicide. These letters showed that his real name was W. E. Henrison, of Williamsport, Pa. He attributed his downfall to drink, and claimed never to have done a criminal act. He had, according to his statement, left Williamsport on account of money trouble, travelled under assumed names and endeavored to regain enough to afford of his return. He had been absent from his wife and family about six years. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of suicide.

Patrick F. Murphy, who by his brilliance at the recent horse show luncheon won the title of New York's best wit, was telling the other day about a clerk he used to employ.

"This clerk," he said, "prided himself on his readiness in every emergency. Whatever came up, he acted quickly. He wished to be understood that he was never at a loss."

"One morning he dashed like a wind out of the office with two letters that required immediate mailing. In a little while he returned, a somewhat apologetic look on his face.

"'You nearly caused me to miss that mail, sir,' he said.

"'How was that?' said I.

"'Why, you put a five-cent stamp on the city letter and a two-cent stamp on the foreign one.'

"'Dear me, how stupid. And what did you do?' I asked.

"'Oh,' said the clerk, 'I made it all right. I changed the addresses on the envelopes.'"

Talk doesn't make good coal, but Good coal makes talk!

If you are interested in Coal for domestic use, prepared to meet the critical demand of the competent and careful housekeeper, we would be very glad to hear from you.

Or if you are not fully satisfied with the fuel you are using, don't think that all coals are alike. There is a demand for a good article, and we supply that demand.

LONDON HOSPITAL COUGH CURE 'CURES'

This preparation has been on the market for fifteen years and has given universal satisfaction as a cure for coughs, colds and bronchial troubles. Try it. ONE DOSE GIVES RELIEF. Price 50 cents.

JOHN COCHRANE,
CHEMIST,
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W. JONES

DOM. GOVT. AUCTIONEER.

Will sell at his LARGE AND COMMUNICIOUS SALE ROOMS, corner of Broad and Pandora Streets (the Old Church), at 2 p.m.,

Wednesday, November 9

Desirable Furniture

Particulars Wednesday. Sale rooms open every day.

W. JONES, Auctioneer.

HARDAKER AUCTIONEER

I am instructed to sell at my commodious salerooms, 77-79 Douglas street,

Friday, 11th, at 2 p.m.

Valuable and Well Kept FURNITURE, CARPETS, Etc.

Particulars later.

W. T. Hardaker, Auctioneer.

EXHIBITION MADE TO PAY HIS WAY

(Continued from page 1.)

Expenditures—On Capital Account.

1904. Oct. 20th—Balance brought forward \$778 57

(Receipts excess of ordinary expenditures).

Improvements—

Horse stalls, sidewalk, water, stands and sundries..... \$272 03

Chattels and effects, pavilion tent, sheep pen covering, horse stall covering and sundry effects..... 49 10

1903 accounts paid..... 770 13

1904. Oct. 20th—Balance..... 771 33

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HELLO VANCOUVER!

Telephone Line Between Victoria and Terminal City Will Be Opened in a Few Days.

Direct telephone communication between Victoria and Vancouver will be established before next week. As has been previously mentioned in the Times the work of laying a cable over fifty miles in length between Vancouver Island and the Mainland has been making splendid progress since it started a few months ago. It was completed yesterday, and all that now remains to finish the undertaking is to connect the cables between Victoria and San Juan island and the latter place and Vancouver. This means but a few days' work, as there is a gang of 75 men engaged constructing the necessary short line across the Island.

Yesterday Steve Jones, proprietor of the Dominion hotel, received a telephone message from G. McCartney, construction superintendent of the B. C. Telephone Company, who is in charge of operations at San Juan. He announced that the cable connecting with Victoria had just been regulated and offered Mr. Jones the honor of being the first to cross over the line. This morning Mr. Jones said there was no difficulty in talking, voices being distinguished with remarkable clearness.

The work of connecting the cables by a wire over the Island is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible in order to complete the work before the stormy weather sets in. This, it is feared, would seriously interfere with the operations. Victorians therefore may look forward to communicating directly with Vancouver friends in the course of a few days.

"Why wasn't I awakened at 7:30?" asked W. J. Hummel, of Minneapolis, desk, as he approached the hotel clerk's desk. The clerk explained that he had been called, but failed to respond to the knocking on his door.

"No, I wasn't either," said the indignant guest. The clerk looked up the call sheet.

"What room were you in?" he asked with an air of soon proving to the guest that the boy had done his duty.

"Parlor B." was the answer.

"There is no call on the sheet for parlor B," said the clerk. "There must be some mistake."

"Of course there was," said Hummel, triumphantly. "Here I've been trying awake for an hour or more waiting for the boy to come and call me, and he never came."

Coming to the Ball That Day?

Tonight—Can I have a couple of towels? Landlady—Are you going to stay here all summer?—Lustige Baster.

Windsor Grocery Co., SATURDAY'S BARGAIN MIXED BISCUITS

2 LBS. FOR 25c

THE CO-OPERATIVE STORE

The Victoria Co-Operative Mercantile Association, Ltd.

will commence business in a short time. The list of patrons grows daily; people realize the benefit to be derived from dealing in a store where everybody receives the same treatment, where each member has a voice in the management and a share in the profits.

Particulars at 92 Government street. Phone 143.

Read the rules and by-laws.

C. P. R.'S POSITION IN YUKON TRADE
AMERICAN COMPANIES ENJOY ADVANTAGES

Arrangements Being Considered Whereby Vessel Can Be Operated Under U. S. Contract—Notes.

loading 60,000 cases of salmon at Vancouver for England.

Steamer Queen is expected from San Francisco to-morrow evening.

Steamer Humboldt will be due from the North to-morrow.

SCHOOL RETURNS.

Creditable Showing With Respect to Regularity During the Past Month.

The very high percentage of regularity in the public school attendance reported for the month of September was repeated in the returns for October. Only 13 out of a total of 65 divisions failed to reach 90 per cent., which 17 exceeded the very high figure of 95 per cent. Following is an abstract of the returns from each school:

No.	Daily	Perfect
Attend.	Ave.	P.C. Attend.
High	215	195.67 91 107
Boys	547	515.35 95.87 951
Girls	446	424.43 95.11 229
North	437	402.34 92.0 239
South	378	348.21 92.1 239
West	236	217.12 92 142
Spring Ridge	179	168.12 93.39 102
Kingsland St.	131	121.42 92.7 89
Hillside	104	95.93 91.9 48
Rock Bay	66	58.35 88.4 30
	2,739	2,546.64 92.97 1,567

Captain Troup has returned from Seattle, where he was for a couple of days during the latter part of last week. Seen this morning with reference to the rumors that the C. P. R. Company propose building a steamer on the Sound for the northern coasting trade, the captain stated that no authority has yet been given for the construction of a ship. He said the company are contemplating the construction of a new steamer, and "it is true," he added, "they are seriously thinking of entering into some arrangement by which they can control an American steamer, because that vessels under the Canadian flag are not able to compete with American steamers on this coast. The reason of this is that British boats cannot carry American freight in bond for the American Yukon. At the same time American steamers are permitted to handle freight in bond for Victoria and the Canadian Yukon."

As a result of the coasting regulations existing, Canadian steamers will not be allowed to carry American freight destined for the Panama. Yet American steamers have carried Canadian freight bound for Dawson.

Captain Troup thinks the argument that has been put forth in effect that the changing of the coasting regulations as they here apply would mean the giving of the C. P. R. Company a monopoly, and that the company would take advantage of the monopoly, is unreasonable. The same competition exists among merchants, and the C. P. R. Company could not afford to impose rates which would throw Canadians out of competition with American merchants.

A REMARKABLE FEAT.

"Being an expert swimmer is all that saved the life of Giuseppe Aversa, able seaman, who arrived in port on Friday on board the Italian ship S. Celeste," says the Portland Journal.

"Aversa fell from the rigging into the sea. A wave caught him and carried him a long distance from the ship. Life preservers were thrown overboard, and none of them went within reach of the man struggling in the water.

"Burdened with clothing and long sea boots he could never be able to regain the ship, his mates thought. A small boat was lowered. Before it reached him the sailor had succeeded in kicking off his boots and freeing himself of every article of clothing he wore. When the boat got him he climbed in without assistance, and appeared to be as fresh as he was when he had first fallen from the rigging, although he had been in the water for more than half an hour."

RESIGNED COMMAND.

When the liner Shawmut sails again for Japan she will be under the command of a new master, Capt. Roberts, who is on his way from Boston to succeed Capt. W. M. Smith, who has resigned because of his wife's illness.

The Shawmut was brought around the Horn from the Atlantic, Capt. Smith commanded her, and since then he has been her master.

Capt. Roberts is superintendent for the Boston Steamship Company at Boston. Some time ago he came to Tacoma to succeed Capt. Smith, but it was thought best not to make the change at that time.

SMUGGLED GOODS SEIZED.

According to the Tacoma News Inspector Dorsey and his assistants made a good haul on the steamer Shawmut on Friday night, seizing a valuable lot of silk goods, chinaware, expensive bottled goods and other things which were found hidden away deep in the hold behind one of the bunks in the lining of the steamer. The identity of the smuggler remains a mystery.

MARINE NOTES.

H. H. Abbott, local agent of the C.P.R., has been advised of the arrival of the following Atlantic steamers: Allan line, Ionian, at Moville 5 a.m. November 5th; Allan line, Parisian, at Montreal, noon, November 6th; Allan line, Sardinian, at Montreal, 4 p.m., November 3rd; and White Star line, Celtic, at New York, noon, November 2nd.

R. M. S. Empress of China will be due from the Orient to-morrow. She has 100 tons of freight for Victoria.

The Blue Funnel liner Deudacan is

due from the Orient to-morrow. She has 100 tons of freight for Victoria.

"Mother, how was it I first met you?"—Lippincott's.

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PETER MCQUADE & SON, 78 WHARF STREET.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers

Ship Chandlery
Hardware
Varnishes
Brushes
Paints and Oils
74^o and 76^o Gasoline
OPTION REPORTED ON KITIMAAT LINE
WILL BE USED FOR CARRYING SUPPLIES

Sets at Rest Any Doubt That Grand Trunk Pacific Will Begin Work at This End.

A special to the Vancouver Province contains information respecting the report that the Grand Trunk Pacific has secured an option on the charter of the Pacific Northern & Omicron railway from Kitimaat to Hazelton.

The dispatch says: "It is understood that the option was secured on the payment of \$5,000. The agreement calls for the closing of the option on or before January 1st, 1905, at a figure of \$60,000."

The option on the charter of this railway was taken subsequent to the return of Mr. C. M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific, from his tour of the British Columbia coast. By personal investigation Mr. Hays is said to have confirmed the reports of his surveyors and engineers that it would be impossible to use the Skeena river as a medium of transportation for railway construction material and supplies when the building of the G. T. P. is commenced in British Columbia. It therefore became necessary to run a railway from some point on the Pacific coast right into the heart of that section of British Columbia which would be traversed by the new transcontinental line. It was then that the Pacific Northern & Omicron charter was found and tied in leading the result of the Dominion election.

The field-marshals wags ill the time he was in America, and when he embarked on the Kaiser Wilhelm II. he was very weak, but no immediate danger was anticipated. The first day after leaving New York he became very much worse, and as he could not take any food his strength fast ebbed, and the patient soon became quite prostrate. The following day his condition was alarming, and in the evening the field-marshall relapsed into unconsciousness. He never regained consciousness, and 36 hours later he passed away in the presence of his son Oberlieutenant Ratzenhofer.

The field-marshall, who was 62 years of age, had a brilliant military career. A private in and serving in the ranks as a conscript in the war of 1866, that was so disastrous to the arms of Austria, Ratzenhofer displayed such gallantry in various engagements that he was given the rank of colonel, steadily further advancement came to him, and he who but 38 years ago was a private died a field-marshall.

An autopsy on the Kaiser Wilhelm II.

revealed the fact that the field-marshall's death was due to extensive and long-standing disease of both kidneys.

This line is about 135 miles in length, and covers over a quarter of the distance between the coast and the Rocky mountains.

This report, which is believed to be true, although those interested in the Pacific Northern & Omicron will not say definitely that it is correct, tends to set at rest any misgivings which might have existed with reference to the G. T. P. beginning work at the Pacific end of the line.

EVICTED BY A NOISY GHOST.

Uncanny Occupant Scared Girls—Liverpool Excited Over the Manifestations in Haunted House.

NOT being able to support its terrestrial fame, a modest ghost, whose weird pranks have created a sensation in the neighborhood of Kingston, Liverpool, has mysteriously vanished.

The "spook" evidently made its arrival a few days after four girls, three of whom are named Moran, left their mother's house and went to reside in the middle of a row of tall three-story dwellings, each of which is only one room deep except on the ground floor, where there is a back scullery. Winding stairs lead from one floor to another.

The maiden quartette left their habitation each morning at 6 o'clock to go to work in the neighborhood, returning to dinner and to tea. Two days after taking the house they were greatly perplexed on returning home at mid-day to find a large mirror, which had been left on the floor in one of the bedrooms, lying face downwards on the kitchen floor. It was replaced, but at noon next day the girls trembled to see the looking-glass again hiding its face on the hearthrug.

The other familiar objects in the house became possessed with evil spirits. When the door was opened some unseen influence closed it, sometimes slowly, sometimes with an elastic-like spring, frightening the girls terribly.

Two of the girls were sitting reading when the apparition presented itself to one of them. The next door neighbor, a working man, declares that not a pedestrian was within a hundred yards of the house, but the girls sprang out of the doorway with alarmed faces, shrieking, "The ghost!"

One of the girls swore that the phantom had passed in front of her; another states that she was scrubbing the stairs when a flat iron sans handle, which was last placed in the kitchen fire-grate, came tumbling inexplicably down upon her from above. It was followed by the shuffling of feet.

At last the terrified quartette removed their goods and chattels at midnight, and went to live with a relative.

Thousands of people went nightly to see the haunted house, and stones were hurled through the windows, but it was not even then believed that the ghost had been laid.

The scene has not yet subsided, and many visitors go nightly to inspect the house.

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